Workers engaged in hand processed dye-printing in textile industries in Rajasthan

4325.SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than one lakh workers are engaged in the hand processed dye-printing textiles industries of Balotra in Rajasthan;

(b) whether these industries are facing serious crisis and are on the verge of closure;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the entrepreneurs of these industries have highlighted their problems to Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action contemplated by Government to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (f) As per information available, there are 370 hand processing units engaged in dyeing in Balotra, Rajasthan and not more than 9250 workers are likely to be engaged in these units. Representations have been received from textile hand processing segments including units located in Rajasthan regarding withdrawal of excise exemption on specified processes carried out with the aid of power. The Government takes appropriate steps from time to time to redress the concern of the industry based on merit of the points made in the representations.

Preventive measures against import of cotton

4326. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the fact that Bt. Cotton field fell far below expectations, and the failure to relieve the cotton grower of the debt burden, Government have considered the imposing of preventive measures against imports of cotton, including heavy import duty;

(b) if so, the decision that has been taken in this regard; and